(b) if so, the number of them who are living in indigent circumstances; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide financial assistance to such sportspersons of yesteryears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The meritorious Sportspersons of yesteryears, who are living in indigent circumstances are eligible for financial assistance under the scheme of 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons.

Indira Mahila Yojna

6348. DR. C. SILVERA:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch an integrated scheme for development of women and children under Indira Mahila Yojna;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme;

(c) whether any strategy for implementation of this scheme has also been prepared; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is committed to the launching of an Integrated Programme for the development of women and children, named, Indira Mahila Yojna. This scheme would aim at developing a new sense of awareness among women particularly, in rural areas and empowering them so that they become active participants in the process of social transformation and regeneration.

(b) to (d). The details of this scheme and strategy for implementation of the scheme are being worked out. Detailsed consultations with various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and representatives of the State Governments and Union Territory Administration have also been held.

Educationally Backward Districts of Bihar

6349. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the educationally backward districts of Bihar which are below Bihar's averages level of literacy;

(b) whether the Government have provided special funds for upgrading the literacy level in such districts in the country; and

(c) if so, the total amount allocated for the purpose during 1991-92 and share of Bihar thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored